

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 and 45-49 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-29 and 37 are withdrawn due to a restriction requirement made on December 11, 2003. Claims 30-36 and 38-44 are cancelled. Applicants added new claims 50-51 in a response mailed July 22, 2004. No new matter is added.

Applicants herein resubmit claims 1-51 and provide status identifiers for all claims. In the Office Communication mailed to Applicants on October 15, 2004, the Examiner indicated that all claims were not provided a status identifier in the response mailed by Applicants to the Patent Office on July 22, 2004. In particular, the Examiner noted that claims 38-44 were not provided with a status identifier. Applicants apologize for this error, and submit that it was done without any deceptive intent. Applicants note that claims 38-44 were cancelled by Preliminary Amendment on December 20, 2002. Applicants herein resubmit all claims, including amended and new claims submitted on July 22, 2004 and correctly identified claims 38-44. Applicants believe that they need only provide the corrected section of the amendment and response made July 22, 2004, and therefore, Applicants only provide the amended claims section, including claims 38-44, in this response.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the claims to non-elected inventions, the cancelled claims, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification. If it would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to confer with the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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